

WHEREAS, The state of South Dakota has been impacted by heavy snowfall throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS, Flooding may cause widespread damage to road infrastructure and may interrupt the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, business and farm traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Flooding may also cause widespread basement flooding; and

WHEREAS, Emergency shelters may need to be established to house citizens that may be displaced by the devastation of the flooding; and

WHEREAS, sandbagging of critical infrastructure will likely be needed to assist local governments in protecting property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 33-15, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, resources available within state government will be utilized under coordination of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, in support of local government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected counties.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this Eleventh day of March, 2011.

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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant/Secretary of State